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Dear [redacted]

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This will acknowledge your letter of 1 March 1948. Thanks very much for the suggestions covered in your letter relative to overseas tours of duty. Sometime shortly, CIA plans to come out with a definite policy on the assignment of personnel overseas and their rotation. Your suggestions will be given consideration at that time. I have not been successful to date in getting CIA approval to bring personnel home for leave without reorientation. Legislation is pending which would enable CIA to do this, and they expect that it will be enacted. They prefer to wait until it is enacted rather than take the chance of being questioned by the General Accounting Office for such a procedure at this time.

I know that you are very curious about my abandoning plans for your reconnaissance on Oahu for a place at which to locate our operation, should we care to move there. After discussion with numerous people here in Washington, these plans have been abandoned for the following reasons:

a. From a technical standpoint, it apparently is not desirable, and [redacted] questions whether or not it would be satisfactory.

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b. CIA does not feel that it could justify the expenditure of funds which would be necessary to effect such a transfer with the present uncertainty of retaining this station permanently in the Hawaiian Islands.

Other recommendations which we discussed are in the mill and something should be coming from them very shortly. I am not, at this stage of the game, completely sure what the final decision will be. It involves rather high level coordination and decision, which is what we are waiting for now.

Sincerely,

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